Parkland Photography Club

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The Parkland Photography Club held their April meeting on Tuesday, April 27 at 7 pm in the Doghide Gallery in Tisdale. There were thirteen members present and the meeting was chaired by President Anne McIntosh.

Lia Boxall shared her completed project of taking photos within a two meter square area within twenty-four hours. Her photos were of items on a beach area at Tofino.



BJ Madsen stayed close to home to shoot his photos which were taken through the dining room window and showed the deer who had come into his yard to feed.



Other members will present their completed projects at the May meeting.

There were ten entries in the theme shoot for this month which was "a close up of part of a subject". Following the judging of these by the club members First Place went to Neil Anderson for his photo of a Skunk Cabbage;



Second Place to BJ Madsen for his photo of his granddaughter's eye;



and Third Place to Darlene McCullough for her photo of part of a gladiola flower.



The next item on the agenda was filling positions on the executive for next year. The present Vice-President Neil Anderson will move to President and BJ Madsen will assume the position of Vice-President. Darlene McCullough will continue as Secretary-Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. Anne McIntosh will continue as Competitions Chair.

Unfortunately, our planned guest presenter, Lina Brisco became ill the day of our meeting and was unable to attend this meeting. Last month Timothy Shire was to be guest speaker and he also had become ill and unable to attend that meeting. A quick call to Timothy Shire solved the problem as he agreed to attend this meeting. We will invite Lina to attend a meeting in the fall.

Timothy Shire maintains his news site North Central Internet News and is also the web master for Parkland Photography Club web site so he sees all our news reports and the photos on them. Timothy began his presentation by telling us that we do great work, which is always nice to hear. He feels that we are always striving to do better and our theme shoots encourage that as we have a definite project to shoot. Timothy does not use a SLR camera as he believes that most people who visit his web site have entry level cameras and he wants them to be able to relate to his work. In his photos, he always tries to tell a story that causes the viewer to ask questions that lead them further into the photo. He passed around some copies of photos of the day that he posts on the bottom of his web site each day so we could see what he meant by this. He believes that composition is the most important aspect in a photo and because of this "point and shoot cameras" are misnamed; they are actually "compose and then press the shutter cameras".

During a question period we discussed the issue of taking photos of people in a public place and when model release forms are required. He pointed out that landscape photos are preferred for Internet display as portrait ones leave a margin along the sides. He is planning to reorganize our web site and have an area where each of our club members will have a display of his/her photos. In preparation for this, each member was asked to select six to ten photos and send these to Tim. A final reminder was to make certain that our cameras are correctly set to day and time as sometimes when batteries are changed this disrupts the day/time feature of the camera.

Thanks to Mary Wright for providing the lunch for this meeting.

The next meeting will be a planned photo shoot at Jones Wildlife Sanctuary on Tuesday, May 25. In case of adverse weather a regular meeting will be held at the Doghide Gallery. Each member was asked to hand in three suggestions for theme shoots for next year and these will be voted on at the May meeting.

The above is the press release for this meeting. Also discussed was:

- Postage to mail PRPA print entries was \$63. 06 as return postage had to be included
- There is still space in the Photo Workshop at Nipawin if you are interested in attending that.
- For May 25 meeting meet at Robin's Donuts parking lot at 6:45 pm and we will car pool; after the shoot we will meet to vote on theme shoots for next year, judge the May theme shoot entries which is "backlit or sidelit photo", and look at the rest of the projects of photos taken in a two-meter square area. In case of adverse weather we will hold the meeting in the Doghide Gallery. Check your email before the meeting to see which it will be.

See you on Tuesday, May 25. As this will probably be our last meeting of the year, I wish you a pleasant summer with lots of shooting (photos, that is).